Impediments in the tourists inflow due to Gulf War

60. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY.
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tourism Year which was announced by Government is a non-started and is seriously affected due to Gulf War,

(b) what are the main proposals formulation for boosting Tourism during 1991 to lure the foreign tourists;

(c) what are the main impediments for the tourists flow being much lesser when compared to our targets in this year; and

(d) what measures Government is taking to improve the tourism in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) Tourism Year announced by Government is not a non-starter, but the foreign tourist arrivals have been affected due to Gulf War;

(b) Some of the main measures taken to boost tourism during the year 1991 are as under:—

(i) Liberalisation of visa procedure including the grant of multi-entry visa to encourage foreign tourist arrivals in the country.

(ii) Promotion of new areas and travel circuits in the country.

(iii) Promotion of traditional fairs and festivals during the year.

(iv) Strengthening of tourism infrastructure in the country.

(v) Aggressive marketing campaigns in selected international markets.

(c) Global situation has been the main factor which has hampered international travel all over the world including India.

(d) Improvement of tourist infrastructure, encouraging domestic tourism and publicity campaigns abroad to attract foreign tourists are among the measures being taken to improve tourism in the country.

Improvement in capacity utilisation and production of fertilizers

61. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the public sector fertilizer companies to improve capacity utilization and production;

(b) if so, whether the public sector fertilizer companies are unable to boost production etc. due to inadequate import of raw materials and several other factors; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate raw materials to these units to boosts production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The annual targets, both in terms of production and capacity utilisation, to be achieved by public sector fertilizer companies are set by the Government and their performance is being watched through monthly returns and quarterly reviews. Depending on various factors like vintage of the plants and feedstock etc., these companies are always asked to improve their capacity utilisation.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some of the public sector fertilizer companies could not achieve the targets for want of imported raw materials etc.

(c) The Government is making all efforts to increase the availability of imported row materials within the available foreign exchange.

Raids by Delhi Administration against F.P.S.

62. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has raided a number of Fair Price Shops in the capital to check malpractices etc., in the distribution of essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details of the Fair Price Shops raided and discrepanssie found;

(c) whether Government propose to cancel the licence of these FPS owners who have been found indulged in malpractices; and

(d) if so, by when and other steps Government propose to take to streamline distribution of essential commodities through FPS in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A /detailed statement is enclosed.

(c) Action has been initiated under Essential Commodities Act and the relevant Control Orders in appropriate cases.

(d) Delhi Administartion reviews the functioning of FPS on a regular basis and takes appropriate measures to strengthen and streamline it.